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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JULY 18, 2003**

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This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 18, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following three groups of claims:

Group I – Claims 1-16, drawn to apparatus, classified in class 156, subclass 345.33.

Group II – Claims 17-25, drawn to process, classified in class 438, subclass 706.

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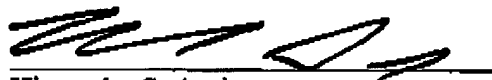
Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I (Claims 1-16, drawn to apparatus, classified in class 156, subclass 345.33) for further prosecution on the merits.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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